



WAIOTAHE VALLEY SCHOOL

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Key Competency:

Managing Self

Whakatauki: He kai kei aku ringa

There is food at the end of my hands

Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Huntah for receiving the Kia Kaha Trophy at the end of last term! Huntah consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic in the classroom and truly shows our school values of care, share, dare in everything he does.

Ka pai, Huntah !

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3! It's been a fantastic start to the term, and we're excited for the learning and activities ahead.

Tomorrow is a teacher-only day. We are looking forward to hosting Jo Matthews, a maths expert, who will share her knowledge with our kaiako as we navigate the curriculum refresh. We apologise for any inconvenience, but these days are mandatory for all schools.

Next Monday, our Year 6-8 students will be heading to Ōpōtiki College to hear from John Parsons, a leading expert in cyber safety. This is a valuable opportunity for our ākonga to learn about staying safe online, making smart digital choices, and understanding the importance of digital citizenship. We'd also love to see our parents and caregivers at the Parent Evening with John Parsons on Monday, 21st July. This event will provide practical advice to help you support your children in navigating the digital world safely. Light refreshments will be provided, and there will be some exciting prize draws for those who attend! This event has been generously funded by our Kāhui Ako, making it free for all whānau to attend.

Due to a number of factors, the Delamere Cup Committee has decided to make it a biennial event. This means the next event will be held in 2026. Our haka rōpū will continue to practise every Tuesday and will have the opportunity to perform for our parents later in the year.

On the last Friday of Term 2, we held our first house competition. The weather was wet, but this didn't dampen spirits or spoil the fun! Congratulations to Rangiparoro for being the winning house. They achieved the highest points across a range of fun activities. We look forward to our house leaders running a lunchtime challenge next Friday.

Te Awa – Room 4 won the Term Attendance Award for Term 2. The students have chosen to have a class trip to the Whakatāne Pools. Well done, Te Awa, on your consistent attendance last term!

Elections for our School Board will be happening this year. Attached to this week's newsletter are nomination forms. These are also available in our office or can be emailed on request. If you are keen to join our School Board or nominate someone else, please complete the form and return it to the office by Wednesday, 6th August.

Upcoming Dates:

18th Teacher Only Day

21st July - Internet Safety - Yr 6-8

27th July - Dune Planting

29th July - School Board Meeting

11th August - Yr 7 & 8 Tech Class

26th August - School Board Meeting

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

End of term fun day - house competition



Congratulations to Te Awa for winning the Attendance Award last term. As their reward they have chosen a trip to the Whakatane pools on Thursday the 24th July.

A Special Thank You to Hugh
When Hugh isn't out fishing, you'll often find him helping out around our school—fixing, repairing, and keeping things running smoothly. Our students are especially thrilled that the flying fox is back in action, and it's all thanks to Hugh's hard work. Thank you, Hugh—we truly appreciate everything you do!



Its that time of the year again where you can start getting your animals for Agricultural day. Lambs, kids and calves can be picked after the birth date of the 10th of July



SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY'S
are back!!



This is a year 8 end of year camp fundraiser. Sausages will be **\$2.50 each** and will be **CASH ONLY**

FREE WHĀNAU CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION EVENING

Hosted by the Ōpōtiki Schools Kāhui Ako
Supporting your child's safety and wellbeing online

Monday 21 JULY, 2025
5:30PM-7:00PM
Ōpōtiki College



John Parsons is a national expert in cyber safety. This is a unique opportunity to learn practical ways to protect your tamariki online.

Nau mai, haere mai
No RSVP Required

Hockey Draw

Y7/8 - Friday
Team 1 - 4pm Team 2 - 5pm
Team 3 - 5pm

Y5/6 - Saturday
Weka 1 - 2pm
Weka 2 - 2pm

Y1/2 - Saturday
11.15am